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Volker Rasche, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent Office on August 23, 2002, the time for responding to which being extended one accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, up to and including December 23, 2002, in the above-identified application, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 to read as follows, and delete claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

1. (Three Times Amended) An X-ray device provided with an X-ray source and an X-ray detector which are mounted at different ends of a common holding device, the common holding device being connected to a room by way of a supporting device,

wherein the supporting device comprises a plurality of hinged, serially interconnected supporting members, wherein the hinges connecting the supporting members are plane hinges, and wherein the position of the common holding device is changed in a plane defined by the supporting members which may be individually controlled.

Remarks

This Amendment is provided in response to the Office Action mailed in this case on August 23, 2002. A Petition For Extension of Time, extending the time for which applicants may respond to